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CORRECTION: Corrects the date of the incident.

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Seven Charged with Assaulting Police Officers in Street-Racing Incident

Seven men have been charged with assaulting two police officers during a street-racing gathering, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

All of the defendants are charged with two felony counts of assault upon a peace officer and one felony count each of resisting executive officer and throwing an object at a vehicle or an occupant of the vehicle with intent to do great bodily injury, according to the amended complaint filed for warrant in case BA467339.

Six of the defendants have pleaded not guilty, while the seventh is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The defendants are:

- Kylee Michael Carter (dob 10/9/96), whose arraignment is today;
- Brian Douglas Dion, Jr. (dob 8/6/96), of Gardena;
- Markie Dijion Gatewood (dob 5/7/97), of Los Angeles;
- Steven Hurtado (dob 12/11/99), of Paramount;
- Christopher Luis Ramirez (dob 8/8/96), of Chatsworth;
- Michael Robert Ramirez (dob 6/11/98), of Carson; and
- Davion Anthony Williams (dob 1/15/98).

A preliminary hearing for all of the defendants except Carter is scheduled for July 24 in Department 30.

On April 16, two Los Angeles Police Department officers witnessed a hit-and-run incident during a street-racing gathering at West Manchester and South Western avenues in South Los Angeles, said

Deputy District Attorney Philip Norris, who is prosecuting the case. The officers pursued the suspect's car but were forced to stop when the defendants allegedly blocked the patrol vehicle, and by doing so aided and abetted other members of a crowd of onlookers who began throwing rocks and bottles at the police car, the prosecutor said.

The hit-and-run suspect got away.

The defendants face a maximum possible sentence of seven years and eight months in state prison if convicted as charged.

The prosecutor is requesting bail be set at \$100,000 for Carter. The court released Gatewood on his own recognizance and set bail of \$10,000 for the other five defendants.

The case remains under investigation by the LAPD.

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